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99th Regional Readiness Sustainment Command starting operations at Fort Dix

HEADQUARTERS, 99th REGIONAL READINESS COMMAND, CORAOPOLIS, Pa. – If it's true that every journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step, then the step being made at Fort Dix, N.J. Saturday, September 30, 2006, will indeed mark the beginning of the Army Reserve's ambitious transformation plan first revealed in 2005.

Maj. Gen. William Monk III, who was selected as the new commander for the emerging 99th Regional Readiness Sustainment Command (RRSC), will host a ceremony unveiling the sign for Building 5522 – the temporary “home” that will provide the command's first footprint forward in the process that will alter the structure of the Army Reserve's organizational structure.

Under the Army Reserve Transformation Plan, created and directed from the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, the component's current 10 regional readiness commands will disestablish and be replaced by four regional readiness sustainment commands.

The 99th currently has responsibility for command and control, and full service support of a five-state geographic region, including Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington DC. Under the RRSC initiative, the 99th will absorb the current 77th and 94th RRCs, thus adding the states of the 77th's operational area in New York and New Jersey; and the 94th's area of responsibility of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

As the 99th RRC morphs into the 99th RRSC, the command will continue such support as required for units training, mobilizing and deploying to worldwide locations in support of the nation's Global War on Terror (GWOT). The window for total disestablishment of the RRCs and the assumption of full operations as RRSCs runs until 2009.

The plan called for the RRSCs to begin operations in a “carrier status” in 2007 so the forward footprint of the 99th at its future headquarters location at Fort Dix is an exceptional achievement.

Other VIPs include Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, Deputy Commander for Transformation and Transition, Army Reserve, and Maj. Gen. Alan D. Bell, Deputy Commander for Operations, Readiness, Training and Mobilization, from Army Reserve Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. U.S. Representative Jim Saxton (N.J. -3rd) has been invited to attend.

EVENT: “First Footprint Forward” Ceremony for 99th RRSC

LOCATION: Sharp Field, Fort Dix, NJ

DATE: Saturday, September 30, 2006

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact Fort Dix Public Affairs Office with intent to provide coverage to better facilitate entrance at the gate. All media representatives are required to have photo identification and proof of affiliation. All media representatives will be escorted. Please call Carolee Nisbet or David Moore at 609-562-4035 and 609-562-4034 respectively.